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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(X) continuation application of:
() divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 10/164,836 filed Jun. 7, 2002

Title Encoder Having A Sildably Engaged Floating Aperture Piece

Name of applicant(s) Steven E. Soar and Michael A. Viselli

Copy of Application

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
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Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- () Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
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() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- (X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation () divisional

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